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Letter dated 23 September 1994 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its forty-ninth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

May I also invite your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/49/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I further invite your attention to paragraph 36 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 44 of section V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Amara ESSY

Annex

ALLOCATION OF ITEMS TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 53):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

   (b) Transparency of military expenditures.

2. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (item 54).

3. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields (item 55).

4. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (item 56).

5. Comprehensive test-ban treaty (item 57).

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 58).

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (item 59).

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 60).

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 61).

10. General and complete disarmament (item 62):

    [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/49/297), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 62.]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Relationship between disarmament and development;

    (c) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects;

    (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

    (e) Transparency in armaments;

(f) International illicit arms traffic;

(g) Regional disarmament;

(h) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(i) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(j) Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 63):

(a) Regional confidence-building measures;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(d) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 64):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(f) Implementation of the guidelines and recommendations for objective information on military matters;

(g) Implementation of the guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures.

13. Israeli nuclear armament (item 65).

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 66).

15. Question of Antarctica (item 67).

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 68).

17. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 69).

18. Maintenance of international security (item 70).

19. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 71).

20. Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone (item 72).

21. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (item 73).

22. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (item 153).